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CLOTHES.

More man has been consistently and earnestly poking fun at woman because of the vagaries which fashion has imposed upon her. Lately, this has been more marked, perhaps, than in the olden days when the funny fellows who write paragraphs, figurative ly, wore out the hoopskirts and the big balloon sleeves. Of late much merry laughter has been expended over the woman of the patella shape and the peach basket headgear. It is thoroughly convulsing, says the Pittsburg Post. Woman is such a queer sight, toggled out to represent an animated mushroom. But what of a man and his attire? Is the laugh to be on one corner of the mouth? Does not the shoe on the other foot pinch a little? Those strange shoes of the emerald hue. And what of all the other green things he dons that give him the appearance of a string bean at a little distance. If he chances to be of a lean and hungry build? Consider for a moment the "well-dresser" who swings up the avenue, his sack coat extending to the region of the patella, two or three buttons the fraction of an inch apart, holding it together, the trousers, turned half way to the knee, as though reaching upward to meet the coat, and themselves bellying like a pair of balloons. Consider the diagonal cut of the pockets and the curious bands and braids about his cuffs. Is he not a slightly figure?

An automobile bill has been passed by the legislature of New York after a wrangle as to which of the departments should have the licensing power, and it is possible that more important provisions may have been overlooked in the contest. The fact that it places the maximum speed limit at 30 miles and retains the present road rules is evidence that it is not likely to improve conditions on the road to any great extent. A speed of 30 miles an hour may be extremely dangerous on some roads where it is impossible to see for any great distance. The railroads find danger at curves that are hidden by foliage, and there are many highway crossings thus obscured.

There are probably few farmers who have closely figured the average cost of marketing any given unit of their crops as a manufacturer figures upon each article he turns out, says the Philadelphia Public Ledger. As long as there was nothing to be done but to plow and sow and reap and count up the total result such calculations were not called for. But that easy time is passing. It is the man who makes two blades to grow where one grew before, not two blades upon twice the area of ground, who is on the road to wealth.

A clubwoman in a discussion how to make home happy uttered the now famous dictum, "Feed the brute." A New York magistrate has taken up the challenge and supplemented this dictum with the order to feed the brute well. Here is a field of argument in which the weaker sex signal ly fails, says the Baltimore American. Eve tempted Adam with a toothsome morsel, and her daughters have suffered the penalty of tempting man through his palate ever since.

Another wealthy English nobleman is reported to have sold a Rembrandt masterpiece for \$500,000. Presumably the purchaser will be set down as a rich American, and the value of British wealth will be opened on his head. But where will come in the British nobleman who wanted the money more than he wanted to keep the picture as a national possession?

International control of the air is to be advocated at the fourth Pan-American conference to be held in Argentina, at which time aeronautics and wireless telegraphy will be discussed. Possibly that is all that is intended, but the casual reader might imagine some trust was getting ready to squeeze the breath out of us.

The divorce of young couples and the romance of octogenarians rub each other by the elbow in the day's news. Cupid is a queer little chap, and there is no accounting for his freaks.

Anti-vivisectionists are now holding a congress in London and trying to convince the world that the life of a dog is of more value than the life of a man.

The remarkable thing about most of these feather-brained people who rush along city streets in automobiles is that they have nothing to rush about.

It would be annoying if a judge's decision should unmarry 3,000 or so couples who were wedded in good faith and prefer to remain wedded.

Japan's government ought to be sold with the people for some time. It has supplied good crop prospects.

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe has lived to a ripe and honored old age without seeing the popularity of her great song grow dim.

Paris merchants would hate to converse at sauntering, but they want to sell lots of goods to American visitors.

At the same time no one is obliged to eat wheat bread. There's rye cake and corn pone—just as good.

It is dangerous every once in a while to spit on the sidewalk.

TOOK \$31,000, SHE SAYS

AUTO DRIVER ACCUSED OF EM BEZZLEMENT BY WOMAN.

Alleged He Showed Presents on Daughter and Worned Self into Grace of Family.

Bloomington, Ill.—Sheriff J. W. Morris arrived home from Spokane, Wash., bringing with him George Kenyon, alias George Lott, of East St. Louis, whom he arrested there on complaint of Mrs. Anna Koerner, who lives near Dwight, Ill., who charges him with embezzlement.

Kenyon was taken before Justice H. Gaff and formally charged with embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses and conspiracy. He waived examination and was held for the grand jury under bond of \$5,000, in default of which he was committed to the custody of the sheriff.

The bond imposed was \$2,000 on the embezzlement charge, \$2,000 on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, and \$1,000 on the conspiracy charge.

Will Recover \$20,000.

It is understood from the authorities that Mrs. Koerner probably will be able to recover about \$20,000 of property of which Kenyon is said to have defrauded her.

Kenyon formerly operated a sightseeing car in East St. Louis. On June 10, 1907, while Kenyon was on his way from St. Louis to Chicago, his automobile broke down about a mile south of Dwight. He could not repair the damage. He went to the home of Mrs. Koerner nearby, and asked permission to leave his car at her place until he could get repairs.

Mrs. Koerner gave him permission and the car was left there. While at the home Kenyon made himself acquainted with the family and got familiar with their financial affairs.

He passed himself off as a real estate dealer in Chicago and in the South. It is said, and declared he owned a number of large buildings in Chicago and other large cities and had stock in different concerns.

He fell in love with Caroline, Mrs. Koerner's daughter, aged 16 years. He gave her a number of costly presents, including a diamond ring, and visited her frequently while at Dwight.

He induced Mrs. Koerner to raise \$10,000 by placing a mortgage on her real estate, the money to be used for the purpose of purchasing property to be sold to one McNalley. It is charged.

After getting into the good graces of the family, it is alleged he obtained \$30,000 to be invested, and then disappeared. He was recently located in Spokane, where he was arrested.

SEEKS VENGEANCE, KILLED

Ex-Convict Is Shot When He Attacks Man Who Was Witness Against Him.

Shreveport, La.—John Howard was shot and killed at Vivian, La., by John Fulton in the presence of the latter's wife. The tragedy grew out of a feud of ten years' standing.

A decade ago Fulton was a witness against Howard in a horse stealing case in Mississippi. Howard was convicted and went to prison vowing vengeance.

He followed Fulton to Louisiana after being released, and the two men apparently became friends about a month ago. They were hunting together when Howard made an attack on Fulton.

The latter emptied two loads of shot into Howard killing him instantly.

J. R. WALSH IN ACCIDENT

Aged Chicago Banker, Under Prison Sentence, Is in Serious Condition.

Chicago, Ill.—John R. Walsh, the aged banker now under sentence to the federal prison at Leavenworth for wrecking the Chicago National bank, was reported in a serious condition following a street car accident Monday evening.

In alighting from a car Walsh was thrown to the street, the car wheels narrowly missing him. Though no bones were broken, it is believed by his friends that his advanced age may render his injuries dangerous.

Arkansas Well Heeled.

Little Rock, Ark.—Arkansas appears to be well fixed for cash, according to the reports filed Thursday by Ransom Gulley, expert accountant, who has just completed a count of the state's cash. He found \$2,280,493 in the treasury vaults, with bonds to increase the amount to \$4,317,482. The expenses of the general government must be borne by the general fund, which contains but \$199,000, over \$200,000 less than it was a year ago.

Maek Named for Judge.

Macomb, Ill.—Judge Avid E. Maek of Carthage was nominated for judge of the fourth judicial district by the Republican convention. His nomination, suggested in a just came on the 20th ballot as a bolt from a clear sky.

Train Kills Bridge Worker.

Orchard, Pa.—L. L. Lester, member of a bridge crew, was run down and killed by Burlington passenger train No. 15. His home was in Hannibal.

Barge and Crew of Five Lost.

Saunderstown, R. I.—Tugs arriving here report the loss of the barge Shawmont, with a crew of five men, in the gale early Tuesday morning. It is feared the big barge went to the bottom with all hands.

Stiff Collar Cuts Throat.

San Francisco, Cal.—A huge stiff collar nearly cost the life of Edward Lateri by cutting an artery in his neck when he was playing baseball. He almost died from the loss of blood.

SECOND NAVAL VERDICT

BOARD DECIDES LIEUT. SUTTON FIRED REVOLVER.

Exonerates All in Brawl—Holds No Possible Charge of Criminality Lies Against Any.

Washington, D. C.—The naval board of inquiry in the case of the death of Lieut. James H. Sutton has found that Lieut. Sutton "was killed by a revolver shot from a service Colt revolver held in his own right hand, and fired by himself without the intervention of any other hand."

The court adds as its opinion "that no possible charge of criminality lies against any of the participants in the fray, except Lieut. Sutton himself, and that Lieut. Sutton is directly and solely responsible for his own death, which was self-inflicted, either intentionally or in an effort to shoot one of the persons restraining him, and his death was not caused by any other injury whatever."

Before the court of inquiry had finished taking half the lengthy testimony, Mrs. Sutton openly charged one of five marine corps lieutenants with the murder of her son, Lieut. Sutton. In her testimony she said her son came to her as a spirit and told her he had not committed suicide, but that he had been shot by Lieut. Adams.

Her testimony was supported by Sergt. Archie Todd, who was corporal of the guard at the naval academy the night Sutton was killed. Todd testified he saw Sutton running away, ignoring orders to "Halt, you are under arrest." Four shots were fired, the last of which pierced Sutton's brain, he said.

All persons present at the time of Sutton's death were placed in the position of defendants, and were entitled to be present and be represented by counsel. These soldiers were Lieut. Adams, Bevan, Willing, Osterman, Sergt. De Hart and former Lieut. Roelker.

The present court of inquiry—Commander John S. Hood, U. S. N.; Lieut. Henry S. Jensen, U. S. N., and Maj. F. C. Nevill, U. S. M.—took more than 1,300 typewritten pages of testimony in comparison to 38 pages taken by the naval board of inquiry at the time of Sutton's death on the night of October 12, 1907.

DIVORCEE WEARY OF LIFE

Beautiful Girl Says "Game Is Not Worth the Candle." In Note to Friend—Takes Poison.

Chicago, Ill.—"The game is not worth the candle." These words comprise a note to William Coleman, son of a San Francisco millionaire, from Mrs. Amy Tibbitts, who, according to newspaper dispatches from Los Angeles, swallowed poison in her apartment at the Van Nuys hotel with suicidal purpose August 4, dying four days later in a hospital. Mrs. Tibbitts was the daughter of Joseph E. Tibbitts, millionaire shoe manufacturer of Chicago, and was prominent in exclusive social circles.

She is quoted as saying when she obtained a final divorce decree from Thomas Otis a few months ago that she would never marry again.

"I tried society, but the variegated life is not worth the candle that it takes," said the beautiful divorcee, according to friends who expressed little surprise when told the reported manner of death. Members of the Tibbitts family here deny that Mrs. Otis committed suicide, declaring her death was the result of asthma, from which she suffered a long time. They say that she went West on account of her health.

KILLS SELF IN CHURCH

James Williamson of Hannibal Ends Life After Phoning to Friends.

Hannibal, Missouri.—James Williamson, a prominent member of the Methodist church, about noon he entered the church, called up one of the trustees by telephone and told him to come to the church. Then he placed a gun to his temple and fired. He died on the way to the hospital.

Quits Her Artistic Mate.

New York City.—Mrs. Daisy B. Davenport, wife of Homer Davenport, the noted cartoonist, has entered suit for separation. The plea for separation is said to be based on the charge of abandonment. Davenport, it is said, went to the family garden at Morris Plain, N. J., and took all his blooded Arabian horses and the rest of his live stock to his farm at Goshen, N. Y. Friends of the couple declare their differences are due to "artistic temperament."

Tees Used to Fire Gun.

La Crosse, Wisconsin.—Frank Rudolph, a stone mason of Tomah, took his shotgun from the wall, walked into the woods near town, sat down upon a log with the muzzle in his mouth and with his toes pulled the trigger, blowing his head off.

Gen. Booth Nearly Blind.

London, England.—Gen Booth, head of the Salvation Army, is in danger of total blindness on account of which he has been forced to abandon his evangelistic tour of the provinces.

Football Clears \$18,000.

Football cleared \$18,000 for the athletic association of the University of Michigan last season. These are the figures given out in the annual report of the treasurer of the organization. Net returns exceeded by \$3,000 those of the 1906 season. January 19, 1907, there was on hand \$10,545.75. Receipts from all branches of athletics amounted to \$33,893.89, making a total of \$44,439.64. The total expenditures for the year were \$26,023.28, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$18,416.36.

\$1,250,000 Fire in Glasgow.

Glasgow, Scotland.—Fire broke out in a retail quarter and several squares of buildings were consumed. The damage is estimated at \$1,250,000.

SAVE 7; SHIPWRECK

LIFESAVERS SUCCEEDED IN REACHING ALL BUT ONE OF CREW AFTER HOURS.

Here Launched Raft in Hopes Wind Would Carry It to the Shore—Ship Appeared to Be Deserted.

SAILOR DRIVEN OUT TO SEA

New York City.—Thousands of persons lined the shore and cheered the brave lifesavers who, at peril of their own lives, rescued seven members of the shipwrecked crew of the steamer Arlington, which was driven into the sands before dawn Tuesday 200 yards off the Nassau hotel at Long Branch, Long Island.

For hours the identity of the vessel could not be ascertained. The vessel proved to be the Arlington, laden with lumber. She may be a total wreck.

While the seas swept over the deck of the three-masted schooner lifesavers had attempted to launch lifeboats and shoot lifelines for breeches buoys to the men on the mast of the stranded vessel, but every effort failed.

The schooner had loomed out of the darkness shortly before dawn Tuesday, flying in the face of a 50-mile gale directly into the shore. With all sails set, she jammed her way into the shore. Early watchers signaled her, but no answer came.

Ship Appeared Deserted.

Until some time after daybreak, when the fog lifted sufficiently for the vessel to be seen plainly, it was thought the crew had deserted the ship in small boats.

Shortly before noon one of the eight men lashed to the rigging of the ship crawled down to the deck and launched a life raft. A cheer went up from the shore as the sailor, holding a line, began to drift toward the beach. Then the wind caught the raft and drove it to the open sea, and the effort to get a line ashore had probably cost a life for mariners declare the life raft will be driven far down the coast before it comes ashore.

Driven to desperate action by the courage of the sailor, the lifesavers combined their efforts and finally drove a lifeboat through the surf. It was an hour's fight before they could reach the ship, and the lifesavers were exhausted. They managed, however, to take off the fast weakening survivors and then began the fight to return.

More dead than alive, rescuers and rescued were buffeted by the winds, while thousands who lined the shore cheered their daring. The boat finally got into the breakers and was dashed on shore. Volunteers rushed out and dragged ashore the lifesavers and the seven members of the shipwrecked crew. Three of the members of the crew were in such a serious state that they were taken to the Hotel Nassau for medical treatment.

Corwd Sees a Girl Die

Daughter of Frisco Millionaire Drowns While Swimming at Carmel-by-the-Sea.

San Francisco, Cal.—Hundreds of searching parties are looking for the body of Miss Alida Ghirardelli, 30, the daughter and heiress of the millionaire chocolate manufacturer, who was drowned in the surf at Carmel-by-the-Sea.

An immense crowd of swimmers and loungers saw the young woman, who was a diving champion, as she disappeared in the water. She finally got beyond the breakers and was unable to make her way back to the shore. Her screams for help brought life savers, but she sank before they reached her.

Marina Leads Against Moors.

Madrid, Spain.—A general movement of the Spanish forces at Melilla, led by Gen. Marina, against the Kabyle tribesmen is reported in dispatches from Melilla. It is hoped to crush the rebellion in the campaign started.

More Toll on Code Messages.

Chicago, Ill.—An increase in rates on code messages was announced by the Western Union and Postal telegraph companies. The new schedule, aimed at the cipher message, goes into effect September 1.

Parents Are Arrested.

Nashville, Ill.—William Schleuter and wife, of Beckmeier, Ill., are under arrest here, charged with having murdered their child, 6 months old. The body of the child was buried at Nashville Monday.

Porfirio Diaz, Jr., Not Assassinated.

Mexico City, Mex.—A rumor to the effect that Porfirio Diaz, Jr., the son of President Diaz, had been assassinated is pronounced absurd. Mexican officials are highly incensed at the report.

Thieves Take Women's Skirts.

West Frankfort, Ill.—Thieves forced an entrance to H. M. Zwick's store and carried away \$500 worth of goods. Fifty-three women's skirts were taken and also some shoes and men's trousers.

Catcher Killed With Thrown Ball.

Chicago, Ill.—Benson Smith, aged 14 years, was killed here by a baseball striking him on the ear. He was catching and became tired. Just as he turned to leave the game the pitcher, Martin Bailey, let another ball go. The boy died before a physician could be called.

Negro Who Sues Lynched.

Monroe, Louisiana.—A negro named Doss, living in Morehouse parish, sued a white man who had killed his cow. The suit enraged white residents, who took the negro from his home and hanged him from a tree by the roadside. His body was riddled with bullets.

Sultan Routs Rebels.

Tangier, Morocco.—Sultan Mulai Hadd's troops have captured the rebel Su Hamara's camp and are now pursuing the rebel army.

CRETAN ARMY DESERTED

EFFORTS TO LOWER GREEK FLAG BY THE POWERS RESISTED.

Moslems Are Massacred—Italian and French Warships Hastened to Huda Bay From Cana.

Canea, Crete.—Nearly the entire Cretan army joined the mutineers on account of the efforts of the commanders of the fort to lower the Greek flag in compliance with the demand of the powers.

No demonstration of any seriousness has yet occurred in Canea. If the insurgent move gets under way in the interior, as it is now planned by the leaders, an extensive campaign by the armies of the protecting powers will be necessary.

A number of Moslems have been massacred in the interior, according to messages. Of the 30,000 Moslems in the island, the majority are safe from molestation, it is believed, by reason of their proven loyalty to Greece and their expressed desire to be annexed to Greece.

The provisional committees that are conducting the affairs of Crete, now that the governor has resigned, say the Greek flag will be lowered over the fortress before the day is over. The last of the armed peasants who invaded the fortress to resist the lowering of the flag were expelled.

Italian and French warships are expected in the harbor within a few days to join the British battleship Swift, now at Huda Bay.

GAMBLING CASES ENDED

Famous Indiana Monte Carlo Cases Compromised by Order of Governor.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The Indiana "Monte Carlo gambling cases," by which the state attempted to end the gambling at French Lick and West Baden, have been compromised. The alleged game keepers have agreed to plead guilty and surrender their right to possession of thousands of dollars' worth of gambling equipment which the state now holds.

The raid on the resorts was ordered by Gov. Handley three years ago. Two carloads of gambling paraphernalia were seized and taken to Paoli, the county seat of Orange county, and placed in storage.

Gov. Marshall recently ordered Attorney General James Bingham to end the cases, either by compromise or dismissing them. Bingham arranged to have the heads of the gambling houses plead guilty and nolle proceed the cases against the employees who were arrested at that time. The gambling concerns consented to the destruction of the goods.

SWIFT LINER IS SUNK

Lucania Is at Once Raised After Fire Is Extinguished and Taken to Dry Dock.

Liverpool, England.—The Cunard line steamer Lucania will be dry-docked and taken to Glasgow for repairs, as the result of a disastrous fire that swept the forward part of the vessel and was stopped only when the big ship was sunk off the Huskisson dock, where she was anchored.

The fire occurred Saturday night, in the forward part of the ship, and almost gutted the vessel from her funnel forward. After fighting the fire several hours, it was decided to flood the hold. The big ship went down and the fire was extinguished. Then preparations were begun to raise the ship and tow her to Glasgow for repairs.

KILLS THREE AND SELF

Chicago Mother, After Carefully Preparing for Funeral, Turns on the Gas.

Chicago, Ill.—After making careful preparations for the funeral, Mrs. Marie Handzell, wife of Joseph Handzell, a cabinet maker, killed her three youngest children, including twins, by asphyxiation and committed suicide, early Sunday morning.

The dead are Mrs. Marie Handzell, 38, James, 3; Laddie, 3; Joseph, 4. Investigation showed the woman had planned the deed, having undressed the children and washed them, combed their hair, then prepared beds for them.

Man Cooked by Sun.

Havelock, Neb.—Mike Kroehler, a laborer, was literally roasted to death here by the hot sun shining through a window glass which he was leaning against. He lay on his body as he lay in a stupor in his room. Kroehler lay down on the floor of his room near a window which was closed. In the afternoon the sun shone through the glass which collected the heat rays and concentrated them on the man's body. The flesh was literally cooked when the body was found.

98 at Omaha: Ten Dead.

Omaha, Neb.—Ten persons have died from causes directly traceable to the heat in Omaha within 40 hours. The thermometer registered 98 in the shade Sunday, and indications were Monday that the heat record for the year would be broken.

Fernie, B. C., Has \$100,000 Fire.

Fernie, B. C.—Twenty-two buildings were destroyed by fire in Coal Creek with a loss of \$100,000. The water pressure failed and Fernie was called on for aid.

Two of a Kind.

An officer, quite covered with university diplomas, was recently sent to Morocco. On arrival he found his colleagues of the staff and with his hand at his cap presented himself as "Capt. X, doctor of letters." A young officer stepping out from the group saluted the newcomer and said: "Lieut. Z, with a certificate of primary studies."—Le Cri de Paris.

At a recent exposition in Lucerne 15,000 different stamps of various countries were on view.

STATE CAPITAL NOTES

Burial Association Illegal.

According to an official opinion furnished the state insurance department by Assistant Attorney General Chas. G. Ravelle, numerous burial associations doing business in this state are operating in violation of the insurance laws. The matter was referred to the attorney general's department several days ago by State Insurance Superintendent John Kennish, who holds to the same views expressed by Mr. Ravelle.

Seemingly, these associations, which are scattered all over the state and growing rapidly, are operated on the same general plan. An association is formed by some agent, usually an undertaker, or some one acting for an undertaking firm, without the formality of being incorporated.

An undertaker, known as the "official undertaker," is elected secretary and treasurer. Upon the payment of certain dues the member, at death, is entitled to a burial by the "official undertaker" at a cost not to exceed \$100. These organizations have no lodges or hall and, hence, under the insurance laws, can not be classed as benevolent, scientific or religious organizations, such as are exempt from the rigors of the insurance laws when they do a fraternal insurance business.

Under the ruling of the attorney general's department, the prosecuting attorney of each county in which one of these organizations is located, may proceed against it forthwith for doing business in violation of the insurance laws of the state.

Aero Corps for M. N. G.

The Missouri National Guard is to be equipped with an aero detachment within the next few days. The National Guard of Massachusetts has under advisement a similar undertaking, but Missouri has beaten the New England state to the prize and will be the first commonwealth in the Union to so equip its national guard.

Adjt. Gen. Frank M. Rumbold issued an order to this effect before leaving Jefferson City to attend the international rifle match at Camp Perry, Ohio.

The Missouri aero detachment will become a part of the signal corps service and will be attached to Company A, Signals Corps, St. Louis. General order No. 19 directs the commanding general of the Missouri National Guard, Gen. Harvey C. Clark to organize an aero detachment and to accept 15 men who have expressed a desire to enlist for this service.

Bank Bureau in Want.

It seems settled now that the state banking department is going to be pretty badly crippled for the want of funds before another legislature can pass a relief bill. Relief is not likely before February or March, 1911. By that time the deficiency in the department may have reached at least \$25,000, if not more.

There is a deficiency now of about \$2,200. The fees are not sufficient to defray the expenses of the department. As the law stands the fees must support the department. State Bank Commissioner John W. Swanger said that he anticipates a shortage by the last of December, 1910, of between \$20,000 and \$25,000. He said that the only show of relief before the meeting of the legislature in 1911 will be for the employees of the department to make some arrangements for having their salaries discounted. He has informed Gov. Hadley of the situation and September 1 the bank examiners will be held here, when a conference will be held with the governor.

Acting Gov. Jacob F. Gmelich issued the following military commissions to officers of Wenworth Military academy at Lexington: D. Mead, lieutenant colonel and commandant; Fred A. Day, captain and professor; B. W. Hildman, captain and adjutant; J. J. Skinner, captain and quartermaster; W. W. Anderson, captain and commissary; G. W. Fredenall, captain and surgeon.

Farmers in Closed Session.

Thirty-five of the 114 counties in Missouri were represented at the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative association. There were in all 15 delegates and 13 of the state officers of the association present. The business is conducted in executive session, so but little is known of the proceedings.

Urges Sanitary Precaution.

A large number of visitors attended the second day's session of the convention of county superintendents of public schools. They were chiefly from the state's educational institutions. The convention, aside from the main object of its meeting, which is to arrive at a clear understanding for the sanitary law, which becomes effective August 10, and to lay plans for harmony of action, dealt also with many important questions affecting the professional school teachers.

When Kansas Man Got Even

Representative Murdock of Wichita Ate Dinner on Friends Who Descried the West.

Representative Victor Murdock of Kansas comes from the town of Wichita, and there is more or less tendency to poke fun at the town's name, which somehow seems to strike a lot of effete easterners as funny. Murdock always gets mad about such allusions. He used to be editor of the Wichita Eagle, and there are always excuses for alluding to the scream of the bird when Murdock is around.

The other evening Murdock and two fellow members were walking down Pennsylvania avenue in Washington and one said:

"What did you say was the name of that town of yours, Vic?"

"Wichita, sir, the greatest and best—"

"And your paper was the Eagle?"

"Yes; mighty good paper, too. They always show it at you here, first thing. Say, I'll bet you'll offer it to you the first thing at that news stand on the corner."

"And I'll bet they never heard of it."

The bet was made—dinner for the trio. They walked up to the stand, one of the "name your city and I'll bet you'll get your paper" paper. They stood and glanced casually over the stock as if thinking of purchasing.

"Papers, gentlemen?" inquired the boy in charge. "Got 'em all; name your home city and I'll get out the paper. S'pose you all want the Wichita Eagle? Only one left; they're been going fast to-day."

With that he produced the paper. After they had the dinner and the bill had been paid Murdock admitted that he had planted the paper there, and he guessed he was beginning to get even with some folks who never saw anything so good as Kansas and wouldn't recognize first-class town if they were put off in it.—New York Telegram.

The Benevolent Wasp.

The character of the wasp is not usually held up for admiration, but naturalists say that this is because the average